Lansing et al., has developed this as a material concern, although it leaves unexamined the social, cultural and linguistic fields at work in such thoughts and emotions. This paper proposes to extend the multidimensional model to take into account the wider dimensions of life experience informing the sensation of breathlessness.

Methods We take an interdisciplinary approach that combines material from cultural contexts, clinical accounts and ethnographic work. Cultural readings and ethnographic work demonstrate that breathlessness is imagined and expressed in very different ways outside the clinical context. This corroborates clinical accounts about the significant role background culture has in determining how the symptom of breathlessness is expressed, understood and examined. Nevertheless three clinical cultures overwhelmingly determine contemporary responses to breathlessness: neuroscience, hospital specialist medicine and palliative care. We describe these cultures and argue that no single approach is enabling progress for patients.

Results Our interdisciplinary approach extends understandings of the experience of breathlessness by challenging the linear relationship between sensation and affect described by Lansing. Our findings cluster under three main headings: 1) the language of breathlessness; 2) breathlessness as analogy; and 3) breath awareness, including rhythm.

Conclusions Our research opens out the potential for wider explorations of the symptom of breathlessness that offer an explanation for symptom discordance. Our findings on language suggest reasons for the current poor uptake of pulmonary rehabilitation, and our research on the relationship between experience and sensation point to the potential value of new approaches that might be more acceptable to patients.

REFERENCE

A RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIAL (RCT) OF COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY (CBT) FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE

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Background Anxiety and depression are common co-morbidities in COPD. We conducted a RCT comparing CBT delivered by respiratory nurses (RNs) and self-help leaflets in 279 patients with COPD and anxiety. The CBT intervention delivered by RNs achieved clinical and statistical improvements for anxiety, depression and improving quality of life. RNs with dual physical and psychological skills are rare. However there is an appetite for RNs to be trained to identify and treat psychological difficulties experienced by respiratory patients using CBT.

Aims To evaluate the effectiveness of The Lung Manual Intervention used in The Newcastle COPD CBT Care study on patient outcomes when delivered by nurses who completed 3 day foundation training compared to advanced post-graduate education in CBT.

Methods Following an educational course, four respiratory nurses delivered The Lung Manual Intervention. Four nurses were randomly allocated patients and delivered CBT. Nurses with Diploma training delivered CBT to 83 patients; foundation level delivered 32. CBT sessions were audio-recorded to explore delivery of the intervention in practice. The recordings were then assessed for fidelity of intervention delivery by an independent CBT therapist. Unpaired t-tests were used to compare mean anxiety scores at baseline and three months.

Results The nurses competency was rated highly by an independent CBT therapist. The mean number of CBT sessions was 4 and this was similar for all nurses. Table 1 summarises the outcome from nurses delivering The Lung Manual CBT intervention.

Conclusion Brief education in CBT was effective in improving patient symptoms of anxiety at three months. RNs with dual skills in physical and psychological well being may be an appropriate model to provide holistic care for patients with COPD.

REFERENCES

Abstract S4 Table 1 Summary of outcome from RNs delivering the lung manual intervention based on level of training

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<th>Level of training</th>
<th>Number of patients (percent)</th>
<th>Mean HADS-Anxiety at baseline</th>
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SMOKING CESSATION EXPENDITURE IN SECONDARY CARE WITHIN LONDON – WHO ARE SUPPORTING SICK SMOKERS?


Background Smoking is a major contributor to hospital inpatient costs, and current smokers inpatient in NHS hospital, are in excess of 1 million individuals. In November 2013, NICE published guidance on stopping smoking in secondary care, recommending the routine and systematic delivery of stopping smoking support to all smokers in acute, maternity and mental health settings. Patients who smoke should be offered stop smoking medications, nicotine patches, and counselling as soon as they are admitted, encouraging them to quit. We undertook an audit of secondary care trusts in London to see how much stop smoking medications were being provided.

Methods The London Procurement Partnership has access to drug expenditure data for all Trusts and CCGs within the London area. We calculated the total expenditure for all nicotine replacement products including varenicline and bupropion between April 2016 and April 2017 in each trust.